



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 448 of the 130th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Stinziano and Kunze

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires the Department of Health to develop educational materials promoting infant safe sleeping practices and the review of the materials with parents of a newborn

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop educational materials that promote safe sleeping practices and discuss best practices for reducing the incidence of sudden unexpected infant deaths. ODH does not expect any additional costs to develop these educational materials, as they are currently being developed and are nearly completed. ODH would experience a minimal increase in costs to post the infant safe sleep educational materials on its website.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Public hospitals may experience an increase in administrative costs to review the educational materials with parents of a newborn and make note of the review in the infant's medical record.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to develop educational materials that promote safe sleeping practices and discuss best practices for reducing the incidence of sudden unexpected infant deaths. ODH is required to make these materials available on its website free of charge and to revise the materials as necessary to ensure current information. ODH does not expect any additional costs to develop these educational materials, as they are currently being developed and are nearly completed. However, ODH estimates that there will be a minimal increase in costs to post the information on its website.

The bill requires hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to arrange for a nurse or other appropriate staff member to review the educational information provided by ODH regarding safe sleep habits for newborns with the infant's parents. The nurse or staff member must note in the infant's medical record the date and time the review of information took place and must provide the web address to parents where the educational materials are available. This may increase administrative costs for public hospitals.